

Rotations

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March 1, 2007 Meeting Minutes:



President Tim McKinley, Esq., opened the meeting and recited the pledge. 52 year Rotarian Dr. Ron Light, Concord Club, visited.

Announcements:

- *AJ Nisen noted that the Danville Chamber of Commerce is having a fund-raiser at Blackhawk Country Club.*
- *Michael Heller invited all to his St. Paddy's Day party at his home on 3/17 at 5:30. He ordered 140 lbs of corned beef and is ready to go.*
- *Jay Lifson reminded us of the Lafayette Jazz Festival - there are plenty of tickets available for March 8-11.*
- *Bob Aguilar reminded us of the wine tour, recently voted #1 (by Rotarians) for wine tours in Napa. The tour will be April 21st. Includes transportation, goodies, winery tours, 5-course dinner for \$220 couple.*
- *Ron Wake asked for last funds for the last volunteers for the ski championship for the Rotary Club. He is looking for more people to help us keep the Turtle Award. There is a team of 2 people and this is the last chance to go.*
- *AJ Nisen kicked in \$5.00 to welcome Alan Mac back to the group.*

Speaker: *Sandy Mitchell introduced our candidates for the 4-way speech contest. Larry Freeman, Acalanes High School, speech coach, journalism graduate and writer, brought two student candidates for the program.*

Blake Fahmie, a senior is US Government, and top-ranked trap-shooter in California, 3rd ranked trap-shooter in the U.S.

Jenny Reich is a sophomore at Acalanes, and is new speaker for this contest, having just learned about this contest the day before.

Jenny talked about the 4-way test and what she learned from talking to Rotarians and from her



research. She questioned how the 4-way test applied to her. She found the connection by thinking about the SATs. The essays, in which one should explain their personal experiences, made her realize that she had little to offer. It would be easy to embellish her experiences to look more impressive. However, the 4-way test could be well-applied to the essay section. It should be the truth, beneficial to all concerned, etc.



She talked about her small start-up non-profit company - SudanBands. These were designed to help eliminate genocide in the Sudan.

She used this as an example for applying the 4 way test to this business. She talked about following the pledge in her business and working with other companies that do. She likes the genius of its simplicity and how easy it is to apply to business.

Blake spoke next. Blake is on the Board of Directors for the Martinez Gun Club. Shooting is his sport of choice. His topic was the NRA and gun club. He went to a National tournament in Sparta, Illinois and placed 3rd. Another specialty of his are duck calls. A widgeon and a sprig were two of imitations he performed for us.

His speech was for the NRA and 2nd amendment. His focus was on the misunderstanding that all NRA members want no gun control. He noted that this was not correct - having mandatory record/background checks were well-endorsed by the NRA. He believed that criminals and crime would increase if there were too much restriction on the average citizen being able to get a gun.



Half of all households have guns today, which is another reason for increased safety. Removing those guns would take away a great deal of protection.

62,000 safety instructors and police force members provide training to average folks on how to use their gun safely. The Eddie Eagle Gun Safe program specifically teaches children how to be safe around weapons and to have a proper attitude toward guns.

Since 1988, the NRA has had 62,000 instructors. Blake recited statistics about reduced crime, assault and accidents that were gun-related. Gun deaths have dropped measurably.

Australia, Canada and Great Britain have all banning gun ownership rights. Because no one resisted these changes, citizens have few guns. Crime rate has risen, as a result.

Blake summarized by saying that for these reasons, keeping guns in our society is critical.



The winning speaker for this contest was Jenny for First Place and won a check for \$300. Jenny proceeds to regional competition.

Blake Fahmie, who was a very gracious competitor, took second place, winning a prize of \$200. A fine job was done by both candidates. Thank you and congratulations to both of you.

A \$50 donation for artificial limbs was made in each contestant's name by Lafayette Rotary.

- John Sherry won the \$2.00 raffle and Mike Henn won the \$5.00 raffle.
- President Tim closed the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Cory Lerner
Equity Planner
Metrocities Mortgage

Photos by Ron Wake



THE FOUR WAY TEST

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

Make Up Meeting locations in the area: **MON.** 12:15 Danville-Brass Door
TUES. 12:15 Moraga, Soda Center, **WED.** 12:00 Rossmoor Hillside Clubhouse
WED. 12:15 Orinda-Community Center. **FRI.** 7AM Lamorinda-Postino's

Rotary Int'l Calendar Of Events

<u>DATES</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
March 2007 - Literacy Month	
• 12-18:	World Rotaract Week
April 2007 - Magazine Month	
• 22-28: Chicago, Ill	Council on Legislation
June 2007 – Rotary Fellowships Month	
• 17-20: Salt Lake City, UT	Rotary International Convention

Local Rotary Calendar Of Events

<u>DATES</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
March 2, 2007 Lake Tahoe	Rotary Tahoe Ski Challenge
May 19, 2007	Concert at the Res

Upcoming Speakers

<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Roland Schumacher, Lori Beath	Friends Outside of Incarcerated Persons	2/22/07
Mr. Freeman, Acalanes HS	Speech Contest	3/01/07
Briana Taylor	Tsunami Relief Effort	03/08/07
Michael Mendonca, VP Stack Plastics	Prosthetic Hands	03/15/07
No speaker scheduled yet	TBD	03/22/07
Perry Shusta	Towing and recovery	03/29/07

Special Celebrations

<u>BIRTHDAY</u>	
Alan Mac	3/15
Clint Pruett	3/19

<u>ANNIVERSARIES:</u>	<u>WEDDING/CLUB</u>
none	

SCHEDULED GREETERS:

March 8 Tom Henry
March 15 Chuck Werdel
March 22 Chuck Werdel
March 29 Dick Holt